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Dear Mr. DeLuca,

This is in response to your letter received 30 October 1998 inquiring about the status of U.S. national stage application 08/973,305. The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) received a Declaration, Power of Attorney, Change of Firm Name and Address and a check in the amount of \$130.00 from applicant on 09 April 1998. Application 08/973,305 is currently being processed by the DO/EO/US. Applicant will receive a communication shortly concerning the outcome of this processing.

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